

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Burton, Smith

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2422

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH IN THE STATE TREASURY THE ELECTRONIC
 2 GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUND INTO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED 10% OF THE
 3 ANNUAL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BY
 4 AMERICAN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (AMS) TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THE
 5 LEGISLATURE FOR DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT
 6 SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO ESTABLISH AN
 7 ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MAKE
 8 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS AND THE
 9 DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE STATE;
 10 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

12 SECTION 1. (1) There is established in the State Treasury
 13 the "Electronic Government Services Fund," into which shall be
 14 deposited ten percent (10%) of the annual litigation settlement
 15 payments received by the State Tax Commission and the Mississippi
 16 Department of Information Technology Services on behalf of the
 17 State of Mississippi by American Management Systems, Inc. (AMS),
 18 for which the use or purpose for expenditure is not restricted by
 19 the terms of the settlement. Any funds in the Electronic
 20 Government Services Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not
 21 lapse into the State General Fund, but shall be available for
 22 expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. The funds in the
 23 Electronic Government Fund shall be available for expenditure
 24 pursuant to specific appropriation by the Legislature beginning in
 25 fiscal year 2002, to the Mississippi Department of Information
 26 Technology Services, and shall be expended exclusively for
 27 developing and providing electronic media government services
 28 within the State of Mississippi.

29 (2) There is hereby established an Electronic Government
 30 Oversight Committee to monitor and make recommendations regarding

31 the expenditure of funds for electronic government services
32 statewide and to initiate study, planning and coordination of
33 electronic government services within the State of Mississippi.
34 The Electronic Government Oversight Committee shall be authorized
35 to approve the design on any state electronic media portal or
36 website published by any agency of state government. In addition,
37 the committee shall develop and make recommendations for all
38 expenditures from the Electronic Government Services Fund to be
39 appropriated by the Legislature, in order to cut across state and
40 local governmental organizational structures and introduce
41 self-service models for citizens through state websites and other
42 electronic services. The committee shall promote economic
43 development and efficient delivery of government services by
44 encouraging governmental and private sector entities to conduct
45 their business and transactions using electronic media. The
46 Electronic Government Oversight Committee shall be composed of the
47 following: (a) the Executive Director of the Mississippi
48 Department of Information Technology Services, who shall be the
49 chairman of the committee; (b) the State Auditor; (c) the State
50 Treasurer; (d) the Secretary of State; (e) the Lieutenant
51 Governor; (f) the Speaker of the House of Representatives; (g) two
52 (2) members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
53 (h) two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by
54 the Speaker of the House; and (i) one (1) member from the business
55 community appointed by the Governor who shall possess knowledge,
56 skill and experience in electronic business services. The
57 committee shall annually elect one (1) member to serve as vice
58 chairman of the committee, who shall act as chairman in the
59 absence of the chairman. The committee shall meet monthly or upon
60 the call of the chairman, and shall make necessary reports and
61 recommendations to the Legislature and the appropriate agencies of
62 state government. All agencies of state government shall
63 cooperate with the committee in providing requested information,

64 and any E-Government task force previously organized through the
65 Department of Information Technology Services or the Office of the
66 Governor shall work closely with and provide information to the
67 committee and shall report to the committee at its request. The
68 Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall
69 provide administrative support for the committee. Nonlegislative
70 members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but
71 shall be reimbursed from the Electronic Government Services fund
72 for each day's official duties of the committee at the same per
73 diem as established by Section 25-3-69, and actual travel and
74 expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41. Legislative members of
75 the committee shall receive the same per diem and expense
76 reimbursement from the Electronic Government Services fund as for
77 attending committee meetings when the Legislature is not in
78 regular session.

79 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after July 1, 2001.